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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KOTARO YANO ) : Examiner: Colin M. Larose  
Application No.: 09/866,667 ) : Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: May 30, 2001 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS ) : October 18, 2005

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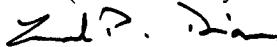
Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the specification begin on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 4.

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